

Service Date: January 27, 1992

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of The Town of Moore To Increase)	DOCKET NO. 91.10.40
Rates And Charges For Water Service)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5602
In Its Moore, Montana, Service Area.)	

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On October 11, 1991, the Town of Moore (Applicant or Town) filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 69-13-101 et. seq., MCA, for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase water rates in its Moore, Montana, service area. This increase will provide revenues to repay a loan to make water system improvements. The water system improvements will in part be funded through a \$209,600 loan from the Farmer's Home Administration. The rate increase will generate approximately \$19,815 in additional revenues.

On December 11, 1991, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing. A provision in that notice stated, "If, however, no hearing or protest is requested by January 11, 1992, the Commission will consider the matter and an appropriate order may be issued."

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by the Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. No protest or request for hearing has been received.
2. On September 12, 1991, the Town Council of the Town of Moore passed a resolution to request Commission approval of the proposed rates.
3. The Town needs additional revenue to repay a loan to make water system improvements.
4. The proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$19,815.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Applicant, the Town of Moore, is a public utility as defined in Section 69-3-101, MCA. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over Applicant's rates. Title 69, Chapter 7, MCA.
2. The Commission has provided adequate public notice and an opportunity to be heard as required by Section 69-3-303, MCA, and Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA.
3. The rates and rate structure approved in this order are just and reasonable. Sections 69-3-201 and 69-3-330, MCA.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The rates as filed by the Town with its application are authorized.
2. The rates shall be effective for service rendered on and after January 21, 1992.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on this 21st day of January, 1992, by a 5-0 vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman

DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.